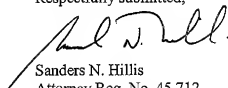


REMARKS

Claims 9-23 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 10, and 18-23 were objected to because of various informalities. Claims 9, 10, and 18-23 have been amended to overcome the objections without narrowing the scope of the claims. These amendments were not made in view of the prior art, and no new matter was added.

The objections to the claims have now been overcome, and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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